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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to IDS filed 27 November 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 11, 12, 15 and 16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is supplementary to examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in response to the IDS filed November 27, 2006: First, a reiteration that claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15 and 16 are allowable for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance action of November 1, 2006 and page 5 of Office Action of June 12, 2006 hold true. However, statements by the Office Action of the State Intellectual Property Office of People's Republic of China include, in particular, allegations that referred claims 10 and 12 do not have inventiveness under Article 22(3) of the Chinese Patent Law, regarding the features of an off circuit for automatically turning the light-emitting element off at a predetermined time and the light unit being disposed within the protective space surrounded by the handle grip and the body and at a position below the body and above the trigger, as being obvious for those skilled in the art to obtain the technical solutions of preventing energy waste and facilitating illumination of the light unit, respectively, of these claims by combining at least the reference 1 (CN2210755Y) or reference 2 (CN2365021Y) with the customary practice in the art, and that these features do not produce unexpected technical effect. These referred claims 10 and 12 are most similar to present claims 11 and 15, respectively. Such allegations based on customary practice in the art are strongly refuted as being baseless without any reference or evidence or proper motivation that suggests the claimed off circuit and claimed disposition of the light unit within the protective space. Furthermore, present claim 15 further claims the protective space to be immediately above the trigger, not suggested by the prior art of record nor customary practice in the art.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan Cariaso whose telephone number is (571) 272-2366. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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